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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

<u>Foreign Patent Document Nos.</u>	<u>Inventor/Applicant</u>	<u>Prior Art/Publication Date</u>
JP 59-021533 A	Asahi Glass Co. Ltd.	February 3, 1984
JP 06-056452 A	Nippon Glass Fiber Co. Ltd.	March 1, 1994
JP 06-329429 A	Nippon Glass Fiber Co. Ltd.	November 29, 1994
EP 0,289,240 A1	Charles J. Watkinson	November 2, 1988

A copy the foregoing foreign references is enclosed, along with Form PTO-1449.

The enclosed references were cited by the European Patent Office, acting as the International Searching Authority (ISA/EP) for Applicant's corresponding P.C.T. application. The International Search Report was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 26, 2006.

For each of the three Japanese references cited by the ISA/EP, the European Patent Office has provided an English abstract ("*Patent Abstracts of Japan*"), rather than the actual Japanese reference.

The accompanying references relates to the manufacture of glass flakes and chips, as generally known to the prior art.

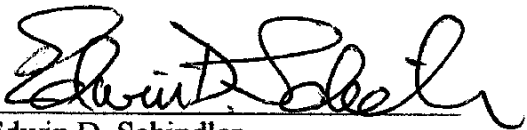
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